

I won't cry, I won't cry
No, I won't shed a tear
Just as long as you stand
Stand by me

WE CAN NEVER SAY ENOUGH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, much has been said, but then you can never say enough when the lives of thousands of people are at stake. You can never say enough when bloodshed is imminent, when chaos is all around.

I have been told that the primary responsibility of leadership is to lead, and I want to commend the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS), Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, for his leadership on this and many other issues with which we have been confronted. Recognize that in times of crisis you have to act; you have to do something. You cannot just sit back and wait and hope.

So, Mr. President, I join with all of my colleagues. I join with those in the international community, those who expect this country, a world leader, to take the initiative and the responsibility to lead, to bring together international thought, international action, establish a real presence in Haiti, establish a presence that will say to the people, come and let us reason together. Otherwise the whole island may be utterly destroyed by the edge of the sword; if not the sword, then the MIs, the grenades, the homemade bombs.

Mr. Speaker, this is a situation where it is difficult to see how our country, the United States of America, the protector, guarantor of rights, if we do not see the humaneness of intervention, and we are not talking about intervention to take over, we are not talking about being oppressive, we are talking about enough presence to settle the climate, to create the environment where people can at least sit at the table, work out an agreement, settle in.

So, Mr. President, I hope that you have heard what my colleagues have been saying. I hope that you and your advisers are listening, and I hope that you understand that the fate of a Nation is actually hanging in the balance, and to imagine that we have the power, we have the ability to save that Nation.

I think it is our duty, it is our responsibility, it is our heritage. It is only what could be expected of a Nation that wants to be the leading Nation of the world. Then we have to take that responsibility. We have to lead, and the best way to demonstrate leadership is to send in enough force to have a presence to bring about a peaceful solution to this imminent bloodbath that is about to occur.

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Please, Mr. President, listen to the voices of reason and take action now.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. HINOJOSA, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. LEE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCGOVERN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. PAYNE, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. CARSON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. McDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. FROST, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. WELLER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. TERRY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. WELLER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. MURPHY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. KIRK, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today. Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House Reports that on February 24, 2004 he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 743. To amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional safeguards for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries with representative payees, to enhance program protections, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, February 26, 2004, at 10 a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE MEMBERS, RESIDENT COMMISSIONER, AND DELEGATES

The oath of office required by the sixth article of the Constitution of the United States, and as provided by section 2 of the act of May 13, 1884 (23 Stat. 22), to be administered to Members, Resident Commissioner, and Delegates of the House of Representatives, the text of which is carried in 5 U.S.C. 3331:

"I, AB, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

has been subscribed to in person and filed in duplicate with the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the following Member of the 108th Congress, pursuant to the provisions of 2 U.S.C. 25:

BEN CHANDLER, Kentucky 6th.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6786. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report, consistent with the War Powers Resolution, to inform Congress of the decision to deploy a security force to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to augment the Embassy security forces, pursuant to Public Law 93-148; (H. Doc. No. 108-163;) to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

6787. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule—Salvage and Marine Firefighting Requirements; Vessel Response Plans for Oil [USCG-1998-3417] (RIN: 1625-AA19) received February 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6788. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Caloosahatchee River Bridge (SR 29), Okeechobee Waterway, Labelle, Florida. [CGD07-02-141] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received February 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6789. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule—Handling of Class 1 (Explosive) Materials or Other Dangerous Cargoes Within or Contiguous to Waterfront Facilities [USCG-1998-4302] (RIN: 1625-AA07) received February 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6790. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule—Regulated Navigation Areas, San Francisco Bay, CA [CGD11-03-001] (RIN: 1625-AA11) received February 23, 2004,